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In re Application of :
Gitis, et al. :
Application No. 10/771,632 : **ON PETITION**
Filed: February 5, 2004 :
Title: Method and Apparatus for :
Determining Characteristics of Thin :
Films and Coatings on Substrates :

This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed September 1, 2006.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.181". Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. No fee is required for a renewed petition.

The petition is not signed by all of the inventors. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.33(b), papers filed in an application must be signed by a registered attorney or agent, an assignee, or all of the applicants (inventors) for patent.

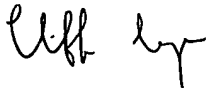
Before the petition can be considered on the merits, Petitioner must resubmit a copy of the petition, bearing a signature from all inventors (or a registered attorney, agent, or assignee).

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cliff Congo".

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